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FOLLOWING ARE SPOKESMAN'S REPLIES TO QUESTIONS AT DAILY
PRESS BRIEFING FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29:

(1) APPARENT CONTRADICTION BETWEEN STATEMENTS BY PARTY AND
BY DEPARTMENT ON SUBJECT OF GHANA CANCELLATION -- YESTERDAY
WE SAID THERE HAD BEEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND
REPRESENTATIVE OF SOVIET EMBASSY. WE DECLINED TO CHARAC-
TERIZE THIS COMMUNICATION AS A PROTEST OR FORMAL REPRESENTATION.
WE ARE NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE DETAILS IN TERMS
OF WHAT WAS A COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
TWO COUNTRIES INVOLVED. WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET ROLE IN
CANCELLATION OF GHANA VISIT (WHICH CAME UP IN YESTERDAY'S
BRIEFING), SECRETARY SAID YESTERDAY HE DOES NOT KNOW IF
SOVIETS ARE ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE HIS TRIP AND HE DOES NOT
BELIEVE SOVIETS HAVE POWER TO DO SO.

(2) RESOLUTION OF FINANCING PROBLEM FOR HAWK MISSILE DEAL
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WITH JORDAN -- PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED AND THERE IS

NOT A GREAT DEAL TO BE ADDED TO WHAT WE HAVE SAID ON THIS.
LETTER OF OFFER IS STILL IN EFFECT. CONTRACT WITH RAYTHEON
IS STILL IN A HOLD STATUS PENDING COMPLETION OF THESE
FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS.

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